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SUBJECT: FRG VIEWS ON SALT AND THEATER SYSTEMS

US SALT TWO

1. ON AUGUST 8, FRG EMBOFF (VON PFETTEN) MADE INSTRUCTED
POINTS ON THE PROPOSED US UNILATERAL STATEMENT ON SALT AND
THEATER SYSTEMS TO ACDA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR NEWHOUSE.

2. VON PFETTEN, WHILE RE-EMPHASIZING FRG SATISFACTION WITH
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THE US STATEMENT, SUGGESTED TWO ALTERNATIVE FORMULATIONS
FOR THE US STATEMENT. HE NOTED THAT THESE FRG SUGGESTIONS
ARE INFORMAL IN CHARACTER. ONE POSSIBILITY WAS: "ANY
FUTURE LIMITATIONS ON THEATER CAPABILITIES OF US SYSTEMS
SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE LIMITATIONS ON SOVIET
THEATER SYSTEMS." THE SECOND APPROACH WOULD BE TO SPEAK OF
"MEDIUM-RANGE" SYSTEMS. HE INDICATED THAT THE LATTER

ALTERNATIVE WAS THE PREFERABLE OF THE TWO. HE SAID FRG WAS CONCERNED THAT US WORDING FOR STATEMENT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS PERMITTING LIMITATIONS ON SHORTER RANGE SYSTEMS, SUCH AS ARTILLERY AND F-4 AIRCRAFT OR INDEED EVEN EXCLUDING LIMITATIONS ON LONGER RANGE SYSTEMS, SUCH AS BACKFIRE AND THE SS-20.

3. VON PFETTEN ALSO ASKED WHAT SYSTEMS WOULD THE US VIEW AS "PRINCIPALLY DESIGNED FOR THEATER MISSIONS" AND, IN PARTICULAR, WOULD GLCMS OF LESS THAN 2,500 KM RANGE BE INCLUDED?

4. NEWHOUSE SAID THE US WOULD CONSIDER THESE POINTS AND RESPOND AT THE FALL BILATERAL CONSULTATION. VANCE

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